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I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Croatia on 31 August 1995 issued the Decree on Temporary Taking-over and Administration of Specified Property. This Decree relates to houses, apartments, agricultural property, commercial buildings and business premises and other immovable structures, as well as vehicles, vessels, equipment, etc., that have been abandoned and relinquished in the reintegrated parts of Croatia by their legitimate owners, who have left Croatia and have settled in the occupied territories of Croatia, in occupied territories of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in the territory of the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

The Decree provides a legal basis for protection and administration of abandoned property, to prevent its looting, alienation, exchange or other depreciation or destruction. The ownership rights guaranteed by the Constitution are fully and unconditionally preserved under this Decree, which only places the abandoned property under the administration of the State until such time that the legitimate owner returns and claims his ownership.

This represents yet another attempt by the Government of the Republic of Croatia to fully restore law and order in the reintegrated territories.

I would kindly request your assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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